



OPEN AGENDA for the Galiwin'ku
Local Authority
25 May 2026

Dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity.**Djambarrpuyŋu**

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipuŋur EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wäŋakurr malaŋuwurr buku-ŋiwŋaram:

- limurr dhu räal-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurrŋgalaŋaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharray walŋaw,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhaŋu

Dhaŋum dhäwu EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuwu warrawu nhämunha ŋalma yaka nyena ŋayambalmurru buku-ŋiw'yuman:

- ŋalma ŋarru räal-manapanmi ganydjarrwu ŋakanhaminyarawu ŋalmaliŋuwaywuru,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Gumatj

Dhuwalanydja dhäwu EARC-ŋuru bukmakku yolŋuwu mala nhämunha ŋilimurru yukurra nhina wäŋakurru buku-ŋiw'yunmarama:

- ŋilimurru yurru räal-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu gaŋga'thinyarawu ŋilimurrŋgalaŋawu,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapthunmaranhamirr bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marraŋu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barranŋa'yun EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw yukurr buku-ŋiw'maram wäŋa mittji malanyha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räal-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurrŋgalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw woŋdanŋarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapmaranhamirr ŋalimurr wurruku bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Under closing the gap priority reforms, socio economic outcome 16 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are strong, supported and flourishing and it is standard practice for reports to be considered, discussed and debated in the traditional dialects of the East Arnhem region, Yolngu Matha.

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Galiwin'ku Local Authority will be held at the Galiwin'ku Council Office offices on Monday 25 May 2026 at 11:30 am.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au and can be viewed at the Councils public office.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

Members:

Virginia Ripa
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Bobby Nyikamula
Glenys Dalliston
Cr Cyril Bukulatjpi
Cr Evelynna Dhamarrandji
Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji

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Schedule 1 Code of conduct**1 Honesty and integrity**

A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.

2 Care and diligence

A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.

3 Courtesy

A member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.

4 Prohibition on bullying

A member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions.

5 Conduct towards council staff

A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of council staff.

6 Respect for cultural diversity and culture

6.1 A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background.

6.2 A member must act with respect for cultural beliefs and practices in relation to other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.

7 Conflict of interest

7.1 A member must avoid any conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, when undertaking official functions and responsibilities.

7.2 If a conflict of interest exists, the member must comply with any statutory obligations of disclosure.

8 Respect for confidences

8.1 A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity.

8.2 A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.

9 Gifts

9.1 A member must not solicit, encourage or accept gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.

9.2 A member must not accept a gift from a person that is given in relation to the person's interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.

10 Accountability

A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources.

11 Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount

11.1 A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.

11.2 In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable and properly informed judgment about what best advances the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.

12 Training

A member must undertake relevant training in good faith.

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1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair may wish to open the meeting with a prayer.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of <>.
- (b) Notes the apology received from <>.
- (c) Notes <> are absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines <> are absent without permission of the Local Authority under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.

SUMMARY:

This report is also to table, for the Councils record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

OR

That the Local Authority notes any conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for members to declare any conflicts they have within the agenda.

BACKGROUND:

The Local Government Act (Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Section 114 – Conflict of Interest) details that "A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the audit committee,

council, council committee or Local Authority if the member or an associate of the member has any of the following interests in how the question is decided:

- (a) A direct interest
- (b) An indirect financial interest
- (c) An indirect interest by close association
- (d) An indirect interest due to conflicting duties”.

GENERAL:

A conflict of interest is a situation that has the potential to undermine a person’s ability to be impartial because of the possibility of a clash between the person’s self-interest and professional interest or public interest.

When this occurs, the Local Authority Member should declare the interest and remove themselves from the decision-making process.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 April 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Galiwinku Local Authority Minutes 13 April 2026 [1.5.1 - 5 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Galiwin'ku
Local Authority
13 April 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:32 am.

Members in Attendance:

Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi (Chair)
Virginia Rripa
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Bobby Nyikamula

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services) – Attended online
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) – Attended online

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

This report is also to table, for the Councils record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

GAL 2025/66 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) **Notes the absence of Stephen Dhamarrandji, Evelynna Dhamarrandji, Glenys Dalliston, Melissa Campbell.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Evelynna Dhamarrandji, Stephen Dhamarrandji, Glenys Dalliston.**
- (c) **Notes that Kaye Thurlow has advised she is no longer a resident of Galwinku and that she has moved interstate to retire, LA thanks her for her contribution and the work she did for the East Arnhem region for over 50 years.**
- (d) **Notes that Melissa Campbell is no longer a resident of Galiwinku and has moved to Darwin, thanks her for her many years of service.**
- (e) **Notes Stephen Dhamarrandji, Evelynna Dhamarrandji and Glenys Dalliston are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

GALIWIN'KU LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

13 APRIL 2026

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for members to declare any conflicts they have within the agenda.

GAL 2025/59 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GAL 2025/61 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 January 2026.

2 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

NANYTJAK NGU DHARUK MALAN GA YURUM GA BUKU WEKAM DHIYAKU MEETING GU

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to review the range of actions and progress to complete them.

GAL 2025/62 **RESOLVED** (Bobby Nyikamula/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

GAL 2025/65 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)

GALIWIN'KU LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

13 APRIL 2026

That the Local Authority :

(a) Notes the CEO report.

(b) Endorses the improved and expanded Advocacy issues as endorsed by Council.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Council Services Manager at every Local Authority Meeting to provide information and updates to members.

GAL 2025/63 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authority's consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2025-2026 Annual Plan.

GAL 2025/67 **RESOLVED** (Bobby Nyikamula/Nancy Gudaltji)

That Local Authority note the Technical Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2026 within the Local Authority area.

GAL 2025/68 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Nancy Gudaltji)

That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 28 February 2026.

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

DISCUSSION WITH THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

GAL 2025/64 **RESOLVED** (Bobby Nyikamula/Nancy Gudaltji)

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Local Police Department.

YOUTH REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

3.2 Youth Representation and Engagement

GAL 2025/64 **RESOLVED** (Bobby Nyikamula/Nancy Gudaltji)

That Local Authority Endorses the appointment of at least one young woman and one young man (16 to 25 years of age) – to formalise the greater direct engagement of young people, and their voices on important issues, challenges and opportunities.

The next meeting is to be held on 25 May 2026.

4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:00 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 13 April 2026.

2 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

NANYTJAK NGU DHARUK MALAN GA YURUM GA BUKU WEKAM DHIYAKU MEETING GU

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to review the range of actions and progress to complete them.

BACKGROUND:

The current Local Authority Action Items List, and updates on progress to complete them, is attached.

GENERAL:

The attached report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented. New actions will be added to the Action Register.

If an action is completed the Local Authority need to request the item to be removed from the Action Register, for the Council to endorse.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Local Authority Action Tracker Galiwinku [2.1.1 - 12 pages]

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
KAVA		<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</p> <p>b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government’s submission to the Australian Government’s Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either:</p> <p>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</p> <p>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</p> <p>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government’s request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.</p>	<p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing.</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Still unsure when this will be happening, Update has been provided to LA, will update up at next LA meeting – Ongoing.</p> <p>17.12.2021 – A separate report on this will be presented by the CEO in the meeting.</p> <p>12.01.2022 – Ongoing.</p> <p>17.03.2022 – Discussion on Kava will continue with the community.</p> <p>19.05.2022 – Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with all communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land, on the important and pressing issues of the possible introduction of the legal sale of kava and alcohol.</p> <p>21.07.2022 – Ongoing</p> <p>19.10.22 - President and CEO to follow up a positive discussion on this issue at a meeting with the Chief Minister to the region, with the Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, on gaining action on the Local Authority and Council resolutions.</p> <p>24.11.2022 as above – Progress being made with Government, letter written to Chief Minister.</p> <p>21.07.23 - Dale to update in his report.</p> <p>29.08.23 Told by Chief Minister about 6 weeks ago, that there is progress in this area.</p> <p>21.09.23– Update in CEO report to be provided.</p> <p>23.11.23 – Progress and discussions continue to be made. CEO unfortunately has been dismissed and we will continue to have discussions with his replacement in due course.</p> <p>25.01.24 – Issue raised at last Council meeting – NIAA to attend next Council meeting and talks will progress.</p> <p>21.02.24 – Discussion took place among the PFES and NTG regarding issues relating to Kava and Alcohol in the communities. PFES requested continuous</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			<p>support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed.</p> <p>28.03.24 – Continue to ask Council to progress discussion at the next Council Meeting in April with NIAA.</p> <p>24.04.24 – CEO to write to Department requesting update.</p> <p>23.05.24 – NTG and NIAA to update at next Council meeting</p> <p>25.06.24 – NIAA & NTG to attend June Council meeting to provide updates and discussions.</p> <p>17.07.24 – No real progress. No action – ongoing.</p> <p>19.09.24 – Ongoing</p> <p>21.11.2024 – Ongoing to be covered in CEO Report.</p> <p>23.01.24 – Ongoing – meeting with Jacinta Price office – as part of 8 Advocacy Items.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Mark Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue.</p> <p>20.03.25 – Mr Guyula joined the meeting via TEAMS and spoke with the members about kava. Further updates in the CEO Report.</p> <p>23.04.25 – No change – to be addressed with newly elected Government.</p> <p>22.05.25 – No change – Ongoing as above.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Councillors want to form a committee and travel to Darwin to raise their concerns and get some action. They are tired of no action and are especially worried about the harm the illegal sale of kava is causing in the community, particularly to children.</p> <p>27 .10.25 – Police in Nhulnbuy have mentioned that they received a letter from Minister that NTG are willing to do community consultations.</p>

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<p>NT AFL Program</p>			<p>23.11.23 - invite NT AFL representative to discuss the Galiwinku AFL Program and provide confirmation of previously committed sporting infrastructure at the oval by the previous NT AFL representative.</p> <p>14.12.23 – As above.</p> <p>25.01.24 – NT AFL Representatives attended today’s meeting and provided update.</p> <p>22.02.24 – Draft Agreement is done. Waiting for AFL to provide timetable.</p> <p>28.03.24 – Local Authority to invite NT AFL Officers to discuss the Galiwinku AFL Program and when it’ll recommence and provide confirmation of previously committed sporting infrastructure.</p> <p>24.04.24 – New grant focussing on events – Calendar containing holding events etc.,</p> <p>25.06.24 – Going into New Year we have access to a new grant – working towards AFL women’s AFL and basketball. Regional Manager – Community Services working on this and update will be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>18.07.24 – As above, both are intertwined.</p> <p>19.09.24 – As above.</p> <p>21.11.24 – AFL will not commit to programs in any of our communities. Hard for YSR to deliver AFL due to previous instances of community unrest and could be a risk to our staff. Director Council Services will speak with AFL in new year to see if there is any further scope in this space.</p> <p>11.12.24 – Council has received a grant specific to running events. Waiting on the Department CEO to come back as the document has been signed.</p> <p>23.01.25 – Regional Manager YSR received an email from Remote NT AFL – AFL NT who will have a full-time staff member based in Galiwinku. In new year they will reach out to discuss plans for Elcho Island. Recently held boys under 15-year competition which included boys from Galiwinku. Potential for new staff member to attend next Local Authority meeting. Regional Manager YSR to email and discuss.</p> <p>20.03.25 – Email from RM AFLNT they have been told ALPA is no longer going to support them with housing – they are trying to find housing to support the full-time staff maintenance and are also asking NIAA. If they are unable to find housing, they will have to leave the island. General Manager Technical Infrastructure Services to raise with NLC to get a section 19 lease on lots 575 to provide additional housing for AFLNT.</p>
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GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

			<p>23.04.25 – Emailed NLC regarding leave on 575 and again waiting on NLC to respond.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Still waiting on response from NLC – Ongoing.</p> <p>13.04.26 – The Local Authority does not support council for lease for lot 575 to provide housing for AFL due to ongoing costs, Need to find whether AFL NT is still seeking a accommodation.</p>
<p>The Local Authority supports a thorough community discussion to consider and decide on suitable layout and infrastructure for the Lot Area of 228 for a cultural and ceremony 'funeral' area.</p>			<p>23.11.23 – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to action.</p> <p>24.01.24 – update next meeting</p> <p>22.01.24 – Work is being done on this.</p> <p>28.03.24 – Cr Kaye, Cr Stephen, Cr Evelynna and President Lapulung to create a plan to consult Senior Culture and Landowners to form a recommendation from them on what should be done for Lot Area 228.</p> <p>24.04.24 Finalising design.</p> <p>23.05.24 – Design principals discussed and conveyed to Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.</p> <p>25.06.24 – After discussions with Local Authority – lighting, toilet, replacing fence on House 165 Not ready for release at tender but not far off. – potentially two weeks.</p> <p>18.07.24 – Consultancy to occur before works continue.</p> <p>19.09.24 - Update to be provided. The members request the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide concept design images of the ceremony site be provided to the Local Authority through the Council Services Manager and community to assist in further consultation, to finalise the plan and the scope for tender.</p> <p>21.11.24 – Concept and site survey design has been completed. To be covered in the Technical and Infrastructure report. – members may want a concrete floor in the room.</p> <p>11.12.24 – Designing a mud map of toilet block and camping area, once designed is completed it will go back Cr Thurlow and through the LA meeting for approval.</p> <p>23.01.25 – In final process of design, once concluded will deliver to next LA meeting.</p>

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			<p>19.02.25 – Currently doing the Geotech, next LA meeting will seek approval of design to enable it to move forward.</p> <p>20.03.25 – Ongoing -further work to be done on design and potentially the location.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Incorporated with GEOTECH and GMDTIS has another proposal of drawings for the ceremony area.</p> <p>22.05.25 – The concept drawings of the new proposal are complete and will be presented to the Local Authority out of session. This will be shared through the Council Services Manager.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Still in concept drawing phase. Further consultation is required with Traditional Owners/senior elders to confirm they are ok with the concept drawings.</p> <p>27.10.25 – Site survey services investigation has been completed, LA feedback indicate changes and Geo technical investigations required, Architects to prepare concept drawings for LA review.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Architects completing new lower key design due to funding limitations. Now that Council has moved through the DE amalgamation not only the Construction cost but the ongoing maintenance and repairs costs for the water park will need to be looked into to ascertain if it is financially viable.</p> <p>24.02.25 – Shared concept designs at LA Meeting, doing the work in two phases. First phase to go ahead and second phased depending on the funding in future.</p> <p>10.04.26 – Low resource capacity in the technical services department – actively seeking resources. Project is still progressing slowly.</p>
<p>Galiwinku Cemetery Lighting</p>		<p>Galiwinku cemetery is to have solar lighting and investigate mains power availability.</p>	<p>21.09.23– Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to action.</p> <p>23.11.23 – Lodged an EOI, drawings to be completed to run an underground cable. Power and Water don't see an issue with this.</p> <p>14.12.23 – Progressing.</p> <p>25.01.24 – Report to be provided next meeting.</p> <p>22.02.24 – Improvement is being made. Two and a half months to three months' time frame.</p> <p>28.03.24 – Works completed by 30 June 2024.</p> <p>24.04.24 – Timeframe as above to finishing.</p> <p>23.05.24 – covered in Tech report.</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

		<p>25.06.24 – Ready to go to Tender – must establish a Lot number for the cemetery.</p> <p>18.07.24 – Ongoing</p> <p>19.09.24 – Update to be provided.</p> <p>21.11.24 – Quotes being obtained for the solar lighting. Currently trying to establish the Lease Lot Number - potentially looking at a battery pack system. Members would like to hold a meeting with the Council Services Manager and Regional Technical and Infrastructure Services Manager regarding the range of their concerns about the new cemetery.</p> <p>11.12.24 – Received quotes for solar lighting and portable PA system.</p> <p>23.01.25 – Procuring materials for project once received contractor will be engaged to install solar lights.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Solar lights have been ordered, waiting on delivery, PA system also ordered.</p> <p>20.03.25 – Waiting on materials to arrive, Contractor has been engaged for installation.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Currently waiting on concrete blocks for lights.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Construction of blocks nearing completion, will be on site by mid-June.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Confirmation required – lighting time.</p> <p>27.10.25 – Next step – confirmation from LA to proceed with investing funds for this proposed installation of solar street lights.</p> <p>26.11.25 – Once the design is finalised, will be sent to LA for approval.</p> <p>24.02.25 – Will need placement information from LA in the next meeting.</p> <p>10.04.26 – Still waiting on placement information.</p> <p>13.04.26 – LA to identify four places on map provided where they would like solar lights.</p>
<p>Fencing around Galiwinku Cemetery & Identification of old graves.</p>		<p>28.03.24 – Works regarding fencing to be done before June 30, 2024.</p> <p>28.03.24 – Assistance from Local Liaison Officers to assist in identification.</p> <p>24.04.24 – Trying to get a local Contractor.</p> <p>23.05.24 – as above.</p> <p>25.06.24 – Archway signs have arrived. Quotes have been obtained to install.</p> <p>18.07.24 – Ongoing to be followed up.</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

		<p>19.09.24 – Urgent update to be provided. Calls for progress on the action and update 'Fencing around the 'Galiwin'ku cemetery and identification of the graves' to the Local Authority by the Council Services Manager.</p> <p>26.09.24 – Revert the Action to Director Technical and Infrastructure Services as the project funding is allocated to this directorate.</p> <p>21.11.24 – The new digital Garmin GPS device has arrived – and can provide a digital marking of where people are buried. Still require community input to assist with burial locations. Councillor Thurlow will look to locate those with knowledge of where people are buried to assist.</p> <p>11.12.24 – GOS device wont mark where the graves are – seeking community members to be available to provide that knowledge to identify the graves. Liaise with new Council Services Manager once they have been recruited.</p> <p>8.01.2025 – the new Council Services Manager is commencing on 28.01.2025.</p> <p>23.01.25 – Still waiting on new Council Services Manager to commence. Still wanting to understand location of bodies etc.,</p> <p>19.02.25 – Waiting for CSM to settle into role and will then engage him in the above. Identify areas and engage surveyor. Hope to engage community in this.</p> <p>20.03.25 – Ongoing – revised solution to achieve this, by clearing and poisoning the scrub around to get access to the cemetery, then identifying the graves, then get a surveyor in and reinstate the fence. General Manager Tech Services to investigate power poles and wires that are old and not working to being removed.</p> <p>23.04.25 – We now have a Municipal Services staff member on Galiwinku who is poisoning the area to remove the shrubs and then the fencing can be progressed in addition to the identification of the graves.</p> <p>22.05.25 -Due to machinery breakdown there has been a delay with the spraying. Spraying the area to clear the grounds will provide a clearer scope to map out the boundaries.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Update to be provided.</p> <p>27.10.25 – CSM to take photos and send to GM Infratsructure to organise the clearing of trees. Once the trees are cleared Infrastructure team to organise and get Fencing completed.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Images haven't been received.</p> <p>24.02.25 – Waiting on the images to organise the clearance of trees.</p> <p>10.04.26 – Still waiting on images, due to vacancy of Council Services Manager.</p>
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<p>Street naming</p>		<p>Local Authority is seeking feedback from the place names committee surrounding the application for the sub-division new street names and provide feedback to the General Manager of Technical and Infrastructure Services for a response to the Place Names Committee.</p>	<p>23.05.24 – Cr Thurlow to provide update. Cr Thurlow needs to speak with Language Specialist. LA approves of the three new roads that need to be sorted out to be sorted out by Cr Thurlow. Three further roads that need clarification at next meeting. 25.06.24 – Submission is in the last stages of being completed to be sent 'hopefully' this week, except for three streets in Buthan – need further consultation with Traditional Owners. 18.07.24 – Consultation continuing – Cr. Thurlow following up – suggesting to place names committee. Street names to include Yolngu naming and then underneath in smaller writing the standard English version. Cr Thurlow to provide update. 19.09.24 – Kaye has asked the members to support the submission as shown in the recommended names and be submitted. 21.11.24 – submission almost submitted – nothing further required of the members. Looking for Place Names Committee to approve the names submitted and then signs can be erected. 11.12.24 – It has been lodged with the Place Names committee. 23.01.25 – Regional Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services – to follow up and provide an update. 19.02.25 – Waiting on place names committee to get back with approval. 20.03.25 - Ongoing as above still waiting on place names committee to approve. 23.04.25 – Ongoing Cr Thurlow to try again to contact the street naming department. 22.05.25 – No further progress as advised by Cr. Thurlow. Street naming have not been able to provide an update, due to shortage of staff. 25.06.25 – Councillors would like a motion that they would like LGANT make application to the NTG to acknowledge the need to ensue streets are named in local communities and increase the number of staff on the place names committee to ensure councils get these names submitted and approved. 27.10.25 – The NTG Place Names Unit has advised that the Galiwin'ku street-naming request is quite complex, as it includes more than 30 road names from both the existing community and the new Buthan subdivision. Their team is currently assessing the full submission and will provide a further update once the review is complete.</p>
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GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

			<p>26.11.25 – Waiting on assessment by NTG place names unit, requests are under review.</p> <p>24.02.25 – Ongoing.</p>
<p>Broken Lighting</p>		<p>Request the General Manager of Technical and Infrastructure Services provide an out of session update through the Council Services Manager on progress to fix the range of broken lights in community as referred to in the Technical and Infrastructure Services report.</p>	<p>19.09.24 Director Technical and Infrastructure Services - Out of session response required please.</p> <p>21.11.24 – Local contractor has completed repair maintenance of solar lights, still waiting on LED street light parts.</p> <p>11.12.24 – New additional LED streetlights have been ordered and procured and just waiting on their arrival. Once cleared at customs they will come by road freight for all nine communities, and they will then be repaired.</p> <p>23.01.25 – Replacement lighting has arrived, and contractors are currently assessing their capacity, e.g., cherry pickers etc.,</p> <p>19.02.25 – All nine communities - lighting has arrived waiting on contractors with cherry pickers to complete.</p> <p>20.03.25 - Replacement with LED streetlight will commence upon engagement of electrical contractors – once finalisation of contractor engagement occurs in April 2025.</p> <p>23.04.25 - currently reviewing quotes and will engage with contractor.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Still reviewing quotes as there are changes in scope of works. Once completed will engage contractors.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Engaged contractors – completion after August.</p> <p>27.10.25 – Electrical Contractor has been engaged to undertake repairs, expected to complete by 14 November 2025.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Lighting repairs scheduled across all communities. All damaged lights will be repaired/replaced. Vandalism and power surges the highest contributing factors to damaged lights.</p> <p>13.04.26 – There is scheduled 6 monthly contractor repair schedule, application to capture Adhoc lighting repairing.</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

<p>Streetlights and footpaths and roads</p>		<p>upgrades needed</p>	<p>23.01.25 -tender has been awarded <i>and audit to commence late February early. March</i> 19.02.25 – Audit across all communities – 5-to-10-year plan. 20.03.25 – Mobilisation for commencement of works will commence April 2025 subject to weather and road conditions. 23.04.25 – Ongoing and will commence with audit. 22.05.25 – Tender has been awarded to transport wise and they will commence with site inspection in June. 25.06.25- Inspection to be carried out. 27.10.25 – TransportWise has completed their audit and submitted the report. The GM Technical & Infrastructure Services and RM Transport Infrastructure will meet with TransportWise to review the findings. The discussion will focus on understanding the recommendations and using them to develop a 5–10 year transport infrastructure plan. This plan will ensure that grant funding is directed to the areas most in need of repairs, maintenance, and upgrades. 22.11.25 – Review of report completed, further actions being mapped for the new year. 24.02.25 – Work will start on Based on Transport wise report. 10.04.26 – Contractor has already completed a repair round. This is scheduled every 6 months. In between visits broken lights can be reported to Council Office until we work through an Application for public reporting.</p>
<p>Stormwater Management</p>		<p>Responsibilities for stormwater and road at rear of the school,</p>	<p>23.01.25 – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to establish which Northern Territory Government Dept is responsible for the road and the stormwater management adjacent to the teacher houses at the rear of the school. 19.02.25 ARCOS is in community now and doing the staging for the drainage etc., 20.03.25 – Engagement across stakeholders to understand the best solutions for this. Consultations have been completed in last two to three weeks. 23.04.25 – ARRCOS are now at 95% on the drawings and once complete will go to tender. 22.05.25 – Arcocos are currently working through design for package three, which is related to stormwater for the school – Wakirana Street. 25.06.25 – Update to be provided. Deisgn by 4 July – month for tenders, review of design.</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

		<p>27.10.25 – Arcocos Consulting has completed the full design and documentation for Package 3A of the Wakirana Street stormwater upgrades (Shepherdson College). Package 3A will be reviewed in light of available road funding, which has been reduced due to the recent formation of the Groote Archipelago Regional Council. The review will align with the upcoming NTG DLI civil subdivision tender. Opportunities to secure additional grant funding for the stormwater upgrades will also be explored.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Review of report completed, further actions being mapped for the new year Related Money for roads item.</p> <p>13.04.26 – Design and documentation is completed. Need to discuss regarding the funding.</p>
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ADVOCACY ITEMS/ITEMS ON HOLD:

<p>Increased funding of Anglicare for money management to be increased from once a month to at least two days per week.</p>	<p>Major need for more funding of essential support services to community to be provided by visiting staff more than once or twice a month, including: Financial education and support. Drive safe program ID, to help to get jobs and many other things.</p>	<p>25.06.24 – Update to be provided. 18.07.24 – NIAA actively following up on this, they share the same concern. Local Authority requires/requests somebody be located on the island full time to answer and assist community members with financial education and support. Director Community Services to follow up with NIAA based on further community inputs from the community members to the Local Authority. 19.09.24 – Update to be provided. 21.11.24 – NIAA has provided updated that Anglicare is already funded for more than one trip per month for money management. NIAA is investigating as they are the funding agency to see if Anglicare are doing what they are contracted to do. Should potentially be four visits per month currently members say it's more like one visit every few months. Formal grievance to be written by Director Community Services to NIAA regarding increasing money management support on Galiwinku. 11.12.24 – Hard time getting in touch with NIAA representative in the region, unable to raise this with them. New NIAA representatives have started in Galiwinku. 23.01.24 – NIAA Guests, Anne-Marie Southall and Ted Gondarra, to work on developing coordination of central support services such as money management and gaining ID's, in Galiwin'ku and across the region. To also be raised with Council. 19.02.25 – DCS wasn't available for updated (stepped out of meeting).</p>
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		<p>20.03.25 – Letter sent on behalf of Local Authority, contact Jay from NIAA has been spoken to about this issue, however, is currently on leave. Director Community Services will be in contact and provide update at next meeting.</p> <p>23.04.25 – NIAA have advised verbally that they will provide a written response to Council, they believe it’s no NIAA but rather Department of Social Services who need to provide assistance. They (Jay Hill) will take this matter on our behalf to Dept of Social Services.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Update from Jay Hill from NIAA who was liaising with Dept Social Services. Jay has confirmed the Anglicare team does go out regularly and she is waiting on a schedule that she will then share with Director Community Services. Once received the Director Community Services will share with members and confirm whether the schedule needs more advertising within the community. NIAA government Engagement Coordinator (attending this LA meeting) advised that Anglicare are aiming to provide longer services over more days every month.</p> <p>25.06.25 - No update has been received from NIAA to date. Follow up with Galiwinku representative Anne-Marie from NIAA for update. Potential to bring this up with LGANT and liaise with Government Departments to get further support to communities in economic education and budgeting.</p> <p>27.10.25 – Anglicare has current funding allows once a month visit, they are looking for options to attend more often. MOVE TO ADVOCACY</p>
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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 CEO Report

AUTHOR Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)**RECOMMENDATION****That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.****SUMMARY:**

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

GENERAL:

The latest issue that the Council and Local Authorities have added to the Council's Advocacy Agenda is:

The de-registration of providers or related companies of disability services that are involved in exploitation and abuse of clients, and other illegal activities.

As CEO I have provided direct input from Council to the NT News / news.com.au on the nature and extent of the exploitation of community members with a disability, and a call for action by the Federal Government to address it.

These points were included in the published news article, that I will talk through with Local Authority Members.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 17052026 N T- News East- Arnhem- Regional- Council-moves-to-protect- NDI S-participants-from-dodgy-p [2.2.1 - 2 pages]
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Council calls for crackdown on dodgy NDIS providers

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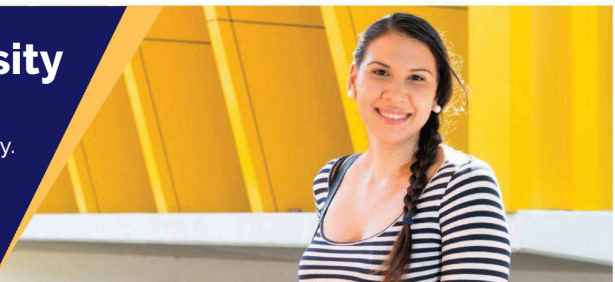
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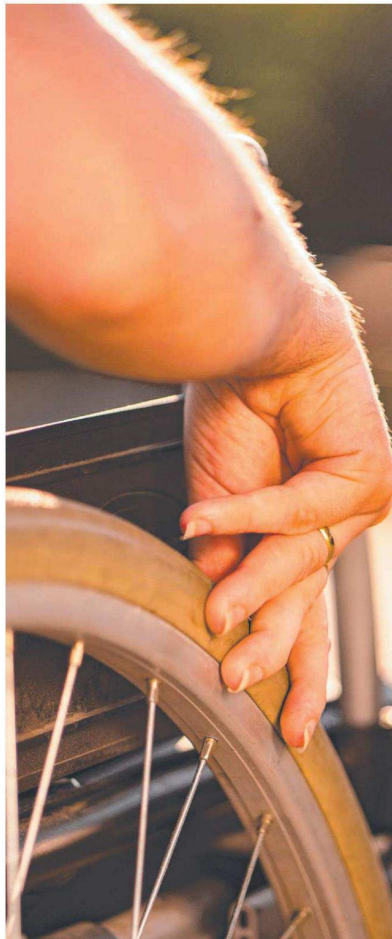


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REMOTE COUNCIL ACTS TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE

Camden Smith

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National Disability Insurance Scheme

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NDIS changes necessary to secure scheme's future

Natasha Fyles



The National Disability Insurance Scheme, or NDIS as it is known, was established in 2013 after a grassroots advocacy campaign that fought for a fairer system for disability support recognising that "Every Australian Counts".

Since it started the NDIS has empowered Territorians living with disability to have choice and control. People with a disability are individuals and therefore the packages that support them need to be designed individually. There can't be a broadbrush approach.

There's an acknowledgment

that this vital service for many Territorians needs to change and the NDIS needs to be sustainable for the long term.

Minister Mark Butler recently outlined to the National Press Club the most significant changes in the way disability supports will be provided since the inception of the NDIS. The government's plan to secure the future of the scheme will be delivered through four pillars: fighting fraud and stopping rorts; slowing rapid costs increases; clearer eligibility requirements; and delivering quality services and support.

The minister spoke about a reduction in NDIS expenditure from over \$70bn to \$55bn by 2030. Figures have been quoted of a reduction of 160,000 people on the scheme. There is much uncertainty as

to who these people will be and what services will be available to them. Understandably, it was what was not announced that has caused much anxiety.

When you're taking something away from people, you need to identify who and what will replace that.

Sadly, since the introduction of the NDIS there have been people who have come to the sector who are doing the wrong thing. Presently, it seems those doing the wrong thing are thriving with very little oversight.

It is astounding that you need to be registered to deliver a program for a kid's sports voucher, yet you can claim thousands of dollars from the government without being registered and without being monitored.

People with a disability are

often isolated and vulnerable, and we have both here in the NT making them more exposed to these poor practices. We need to make sure providers operating in the Territory have the right mission, vision and values.

There have been appalling stories of fraudulent behaviour, and the move to a digital payments system is welcomed as it will enhance transparency and provide stronger oversight.

The changes around NDIS plans being reviewed is also much welcomed.

People with a lifelong disability should not have to go through red tape and prove they have a disability time and time again.

This causes great distress for families and guardians. Reviews should occur when

requested or when they contribute to improving a person's quality of life but not unnecessary plan reviews for bureaucracy's sake.

There are plenty of good stories where the NDIS has changed lives, increased independence and allowed improved choice and control. One such program is Community Access. It is an important program to support individual wellbeing and community life, so it is vital to ensure the views of participants are heard. We must remember the NDIS was designed with a key principle to enhance social inclusion and community participation.

Unlike many areas of the federal government where decisions are made thousands of kilometres away in Canberra, the National

Disability Insurance Agency who implement the scheme for Territorians are based here in the Territory and are approachable. The NT government is also well placed with foundational support programs such as the Child Development Team.

Presently over \$950m in NDIS funding could be allocated to Territorians. This provides a huge opportunity to deliver quality supports in a culturally safe manner across the NT in urban centres, regional towns and remote communities.

Understanding how these scheme changes will impact the quality of life for some of the most isolated and vulnerable in the Territory.

Natasha Fyles is the CEO of Somerville Community Services

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East Arnhem Regional Council moves to protect NDIS participants from dodgy providers

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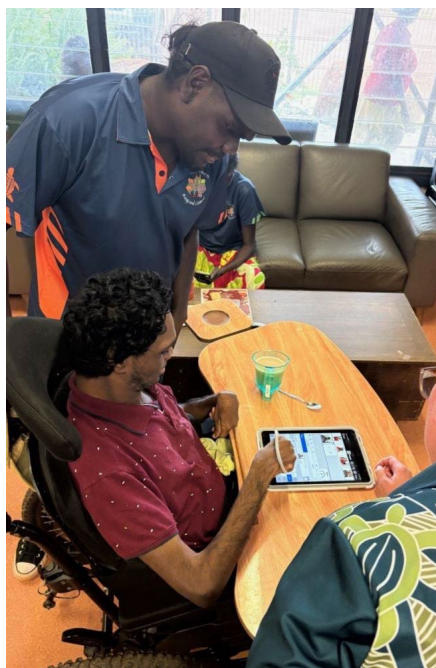
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Full Article: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/business/northern-territory/east-arnhem-regional-council-moves-to-protect-ndis-participants-from-dodgy-providers/news-story/c0d1a05872a0069b8c9e003656d68e9f>

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2.3 Council Services Report

AUTHOR Harrison Page (Relief Council Services Manager)**RECOMMENDATION****That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.****SUMMARY:**

This report is provided by the Council Operations Manager at every Local Authority Meeting to provide information and updates to members.

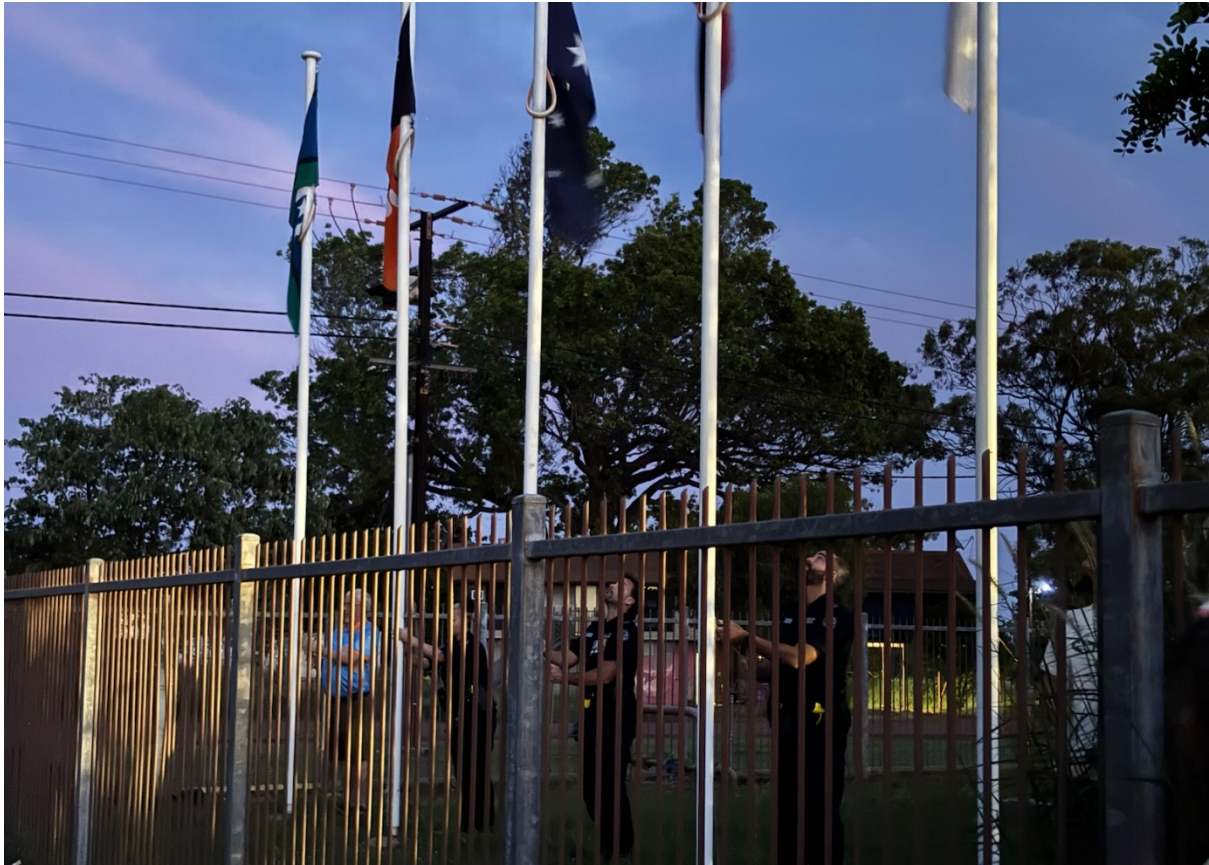
BACKGROUND:

In line with Guideline 1: Local Authorities, it is a requirement for a report to be included on service delivery issues in the Local Authority area.

GENERAL:Council Support Services

The Post Office has continued to experience a significant influx of mail and freight over this reporting period. This has been further impacted by staff leave and attendance shortages, resulting in reduced opening hours at times to ensure operations could continue safely and effectively. Recruitment efforts are ongoing for an additional casual staff member to assist in improving service coverage and maintaining consistent operating hours for the community.

On 25 April, Council also held the annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service. The service was well attended by community members and stakeholders, providing an opportunity for the community to come together to recognise and commemorate those who have served and sacrificed.



Flag marshals performing their duty



Anzac Day dawn Service

Municipal Services

Municipal Services would like to acknowledge the contributions of Callan Collins, whose last day with Council was 23 April. Over the past year, Callan has played a significant role within the Municipal Services team, helping to build stronger routines, improve day-to-day operations, and develop clearer work plans across the program. His efforts have contributed to creating more structure and consistency within the team while also making a positive contribution to the wider community. Council thanks Callan for his hard work, commitment, and achievements during his time in Galiwin'ku and wishes him all the best in his future endeavours.

Municipal Services staff have continued to find a strong operational rhythm with routine mowing and spraying programs across the community. The rubbish truck service is also operating well and continues to complete regular rubbish collection runs throughout Galiwin'ku. In the coming months, Municipal Services will begin preparing and cutting fire breaks in the mapped priority areas identified from last year's planning.

As the community transitions further into the dry season, the team's focus will also return to road maintenance works, community sign and light audits, and rubbish drives.

Council is currently advertising the Municipal Services Supervisor position in Galiwin'ku and looks forward to filling this important role to continue supporting service delivery across the community.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

Community Night Patrol continues to operate nightly between 6:00 pm and midnight, providing support and engagement across the community during evening hours.

During this reporting period, the team has reported feeling increasingly on edge due to larger groups of youth gathering later into the night in different areas of the community. Staff have continued to take a proactive approach by engaging with young people, encouraging them to return home safely and reinforcing the importance of getting enough rest to attend school the following day. In many instances, this advice has been met with resistance, with some young people declining transport or assistance to return home.

The team has continued to conduct regular patrols through key gathering areas of the community, to maintain a visible presence and assist in reducing anti social behaviour where possible. Community Night Patrol officers have also continued to provide safe transport for vulnerable community members, support de-escalation of minor disputes and liaise with families where appropriate.

Despite ongoing challenges, the team remains committed to maintaining a calm and supportive presence within the community while continuing to build positive relationships with young people and families.

Aged Care and Disability Services (ACDS)

Aged Care and Disability Services have continued working closely with Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation to deliver Healthy Information Sessions at the Day Centre throughout March and April. These sessions have been well received by both participants and staff and have focused on healthy living, nutrition, and overall wellbeing, while also encouraging social engagement at the Centre.

During this reporting period, Mark Brady resigned from his position as Care Coordinator effective 17 April 2026. Council thanks Mark for his contributions to the program and wishes him all the best moving forward. Keresi is currently carrying out both Coordinator roles while recruitment for the Care Coordinator position is underway.

Healthy Information Sessions and activities continue to be held each Thursday at the Day Centre. Staff also completed First Aid and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training on 28 April 2026, while selected staff continue undertaking their Certificate III in Individual Support training each fortnight via Microsoft Teams. Coordinator Training is also scheduled to take place in Darwin from 11 May 2026 until 15 May 2026.

Active Communities & Youth Services (ACYS)

Recent collaboration with Aboriginal Resource and Development Services (ARDS), Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, and Power and Water Corporation has delivered strong outcomes, with programs and community visits aligned alongside existing Active Communities and Youth Services activities. This coordinated approach has enhanced engagement, often supported by BBQs in conjunction with sporting events and arts and crafts sessions.

The program has responded to feedback from Children by increasing Australian Football League (AFL) games and training sessions, along with additional cooking activities and discos across recent and upcoming months.

The Active Communities team, led by Evellena Wanambi, has also increased the delivery of activities at the oval and outdoor courts during the afternoons and evenings. This has proven highly successful, with attendance numbers reaching up to 90 children at sessions, demonstrating strong community engagement.

Stakeholders have also expressed interest in playing a more active role in the upcoming mid-year school holiday program (June–July 2026), with planning for this period to commence shortly.



Children engaging in activities

Library and Cultural Heritage (LCH)

Over the past reporting period, the library has been operating with limited staffing capacity, with one Library and Cultural Heritage (LCH) Worker on extended leave and the second position vacant. Despite these challenges, core services have continued to be delivered to the community, and the meeting room has been able to be open. Council is pleased to advise that Nicole Yunupingu has been successful in filling the LCH vacancy and commenced on 5 May 2026, which will strengthen staffing capacity moving forward.

The April School Holiday and Youth Week Program was well attended and delivered positive outcomes for young people in the community. The library operated as a morning drop-in space, providing breakfast, while afternoon activities included arts and crafts, a colour run, chair ball, and a disco.

During this period, there were also disruptions to planned events in the meeting room due to air-conditioning issues. As a result, some meeting room bookings were cancelled, and others were able to move into the library for a more informal sit down space.



Afterschool Arts and Crafts

Child Care Services

Child Care Services are temporarily non-operational due to the unavailability of staff. Recruitment is actively underway for the Child Care Coordinator and Child Care Team Leader roles to restore service delivery as soon as possible.

Waste and Environmental Services

The Galiwin'ku Municipal Services (MS) team has been focusing on Listed Waste handling and updating handling procedures. Preparations for earthworks at the landfill are underway once the rainy season has passed. They also have been implementing new Listed Waste handling processes and have several partially full containers of listed wastes almost ready to be transported to Darwin for recycling.

Currently, both the Council Services Manager (CSM) and MSS positions are currently vacant and under active recruitment. Glenys Dalliston, Senior Administration Officer, has stood up as an acting CSM, and Waste and Environment services team is thankful for her efforts. Brad Lena, Municipal Service Supervisor at Yirrkala, has been travelling to Galiwin'ku on an intermittent schedule to oversee MS services.

Community	Waste Stream	No. Pallets/Bags of	Quantity	Estimated Weight (s)
Galiwin'ku	Tyres	10' container	812 units	6.5
	Gas Bottles	Stillage	4 units	1.25
	Batteries	Battery box	1 box	0.97
	CDS – Depot	Bulk bags	12 bags	0.6
TOTAL				9.32



A second bunded 10' container has been delivered to Galiwin'ku to ensure correct storage of waste oil while the primary 10' container is in transit to Darwin.



Batteries in dedicated transport containers, preparing to leave Galiwin'ku. Environment



As Listed Waste, tyres need to be stored in containers to prevent fires and leachate from entering the environment. When full, this will be sent to Darwin for recycling.

Animal Management ProgramOverall comments:

- Dr Vic and vet nurse Saraya visiting Galiwin'ku from 30 March until 2 April with four days in the field
- Animals overall in excellent condition from a parasite aspect, elected against treating many animals examined for this reason – likely due to use of Bravecto spot last year. Recheck again next visit.
- Remote Consultations: Galiwin'ku continues to be our most consistent community with remote consults, averaging at least one - two per week. We have treated mostly ticks, dog fight wounds and sick animals at Galiwin'ku remotely during this period.
- Unfortunately, we will need to reduce the time spent in our next veterinary visit due to staffing issues. The next veterinary visit will be a vet nurse only trip and scheduled for
 - Veterinary nurse only: 11 May Monday by veterinary nurses Sarah and Saraya. We will focus on the most urgent cases at this visit.
 - Veterinary visit: 13 July until 21 August for six weeks by the Melbourne Uni veterinary team (see below).

Service Delivery Table:

Galiwin'ku	Mar/Apr 26	FY 25-26 to	FY 24-25
		date	
Dogs Desexed	20	76	60
Cats Desexed	2	18	20
Community consultations	6	48	172
Remote/Phone consultations	1	64	49
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	1	48	30
Minor procedures/other surgeries	3	7	10
Parasite Treatments	58	575	1318
Euthanasia	0	4	3
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	5	25	39
Total Engagements	99	865	1701

Community education activities:

- None this trip. Dr Maddy contacted Galiwin'ku school to set up education partnership this year, still waiting for a reply from the school.
- Arafura Rangers keen on partnership for education around biosecurity and animal diseases.

Staff Education/training activities:

- Dr Maddy completed the AVA Chartered Veterinary Practitioner Course – Wellbeing Science for Veterinarians – promoting mental health awareness for the profession and particularly important to our team during the difficulties that arise during our work.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- Melbourne University collaboration – Dr Maddy has organised for the team to visit Galiwin'ku from 13 July until 10 August for six weeks which is an amazing amount of veterinary time for the community. Dr Evie Clarke, Dr Erica Shaw will be returning to Galiwin'ku, and we will have a new face Dr Brigette Calabria working for us as veterinarians during this time. The focus will be on desexing operations and animal health consultations.
- Marthakal Rangers – possible for rangers to accompany visits in future to train rangers in basic commonly seen diseases.
- Police – concerns around cheeky dogs at night, some animals generally fine during the day, no specific lot number more a generalised issue.
- Laynhapuy homelands: The veterinary nursing team has been busy providing veterinary nurse visits to Laynhapuy homelands as part of our contracted fee for service arrangements. These have been day trips by Sarah and Saraya. We will be providing veterinary surgical visits later this year in August.

Concerns/Challenges:

- Dangerous Dog incidents: Zero.
- Other: N/A



The AMP team marks the body of the dog that they have recently treated with a special marker. If you see a dog or cat with a mark on its head and we have just visited, it means we have treated the animal for either parasites or a special treatment for illness

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

AUTHOR	Sonia Campbell (General Manager - Technical and Infrastructure Services)
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That Council notes the Technical and Infrastructure Report.</p>	

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Council’s consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2025-2026 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND:

As part of Council’s Annual Plan, a range of projects and initiatives were tabled and subsequently approved by the Local Authorities and Council for the 2025-2026 financial year. Ongoing updates on these projects will be provided at each meeting. In addition, any new initiatives or emerging matters of relevance to the community will also be discussed.

The information within this report covers actions associated with the below Technical Services areas and report owners:

Fleet Services

Errol Weber – Regional Manager - Fleet

112 - Fleet Services

Transport and Infrastructure Department

Arvin Roping – Transport and Infrastructure Manager

116 - Lighting for Public Safety

118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management

119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction

Building and Infrastructure Department – Capital Projects

John Shrethra – Project Manager

122 - Building and Public Infrastructure Services

REPORT STORY:**112 - Fleet Services (Report Owner –Errol Weber)**

The scheduled replacement of fleet items ensures that the EARC fleet are replaced at the optimum time to ensure that the user has access to a modern and reliable fleet. In the 2027 budget the items detailed below are scheduled for replacement:

	Ramingin g	Milingim b i	Gapuwiya k	Galiwink u	Yirrkal a	Gunyangar a
Loader	Yes		Yes			
Tractor	Yes	Yes				
MR Truck			Yes			
Dual Cab Tipper				Yes	Yes	
Toyota Hiace	Yes		Yes	Yes x 2	Yes	
MS Hilux	Yes	Yes	Yes			
NP Hilux					Yes	
Troopie s		Yes		Yes		
Toyota BZ4X (electric vehicle)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes x 2	
Trailer 10 x 5 Tipping			Yes			Yes
Mower Trailer		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Barge Trailer	Yes		Yes		Yes	

116 – Lighting for Public Safety (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)**Repair and maintenance of public streetlights**

Community	LED Streetlights out of service.	Public out of service.	Tentative mobilisation date	Progress update
Galiwin'ku	48 - LED street lights 4 – GFS200 solar street lights		25 May 2026	Scheduled (pending Sea Swift barge schedule)

118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)

T25-203320.1 Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage for a Period of 12 Months – Access Grade Contract

Revised Round 2 Mobilisation Dates 2025/26		Project Status
Ramingining	18 May 2026	Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)
Gapuwiyak	25 May 2026	Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)
Yirkala	28 June 2026	Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)
Gunyangara	6 July 2026	Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)
Galiwin'ku	9 July 2026	Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season, road conditions (truck access) and sea freight via Sea Swift
Milingimbi	21 July 2026	Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season, road conditions (truck access) and sea freight via Sea Swift

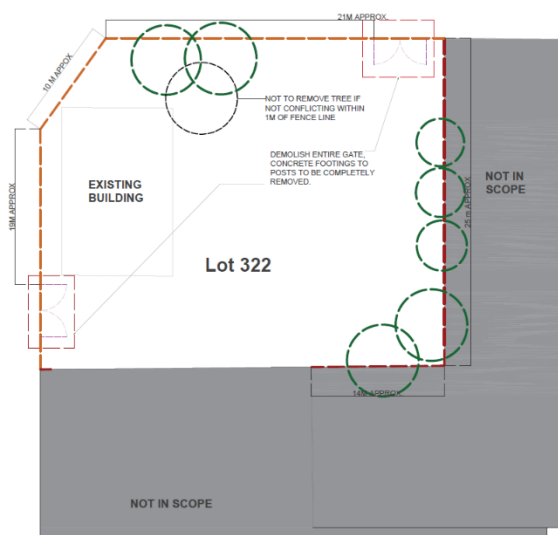
119 – Local Road Upgrade and Construction (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)

Capital upgrade works currently being scoped for execution in the new financial year.

122 – Building Infrastructure Services (Report Owner – John Shrestha)

Lot 322 Galiwin'ku - Boundary Fence Replacement.

This scope includes removal of current damaged chain wire mesh and replacement of new. The project has been awarded and projected to be completed before June 30th.



The report authors do not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

AUTHOR Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 April 2026.

SUMMARY:

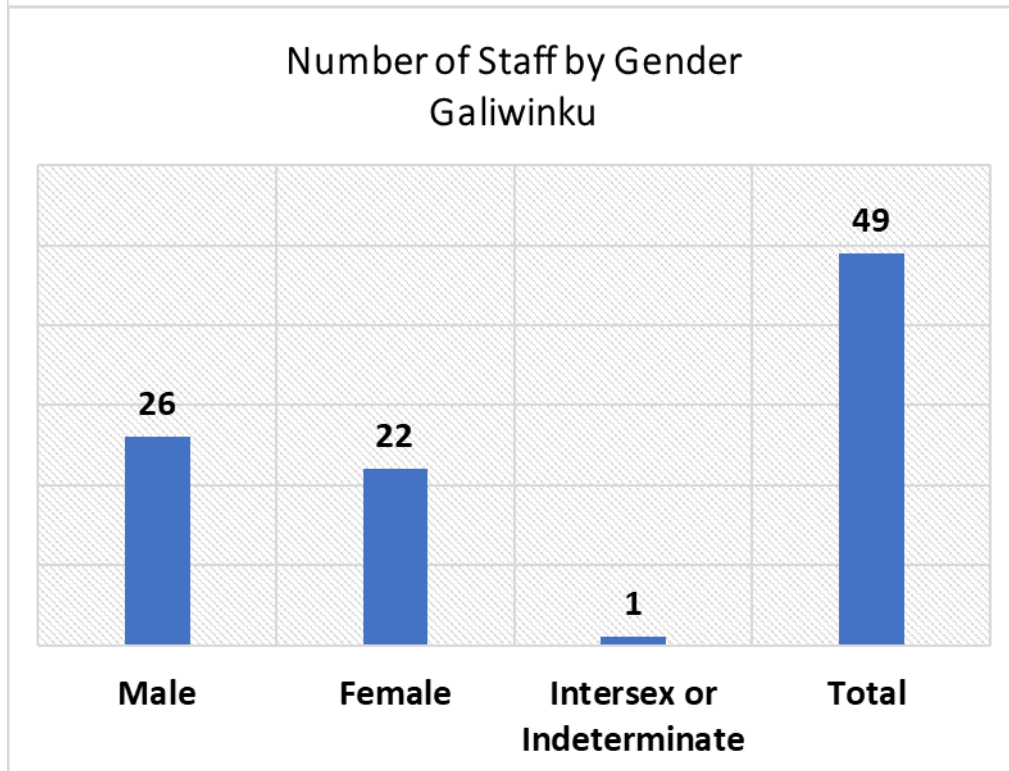
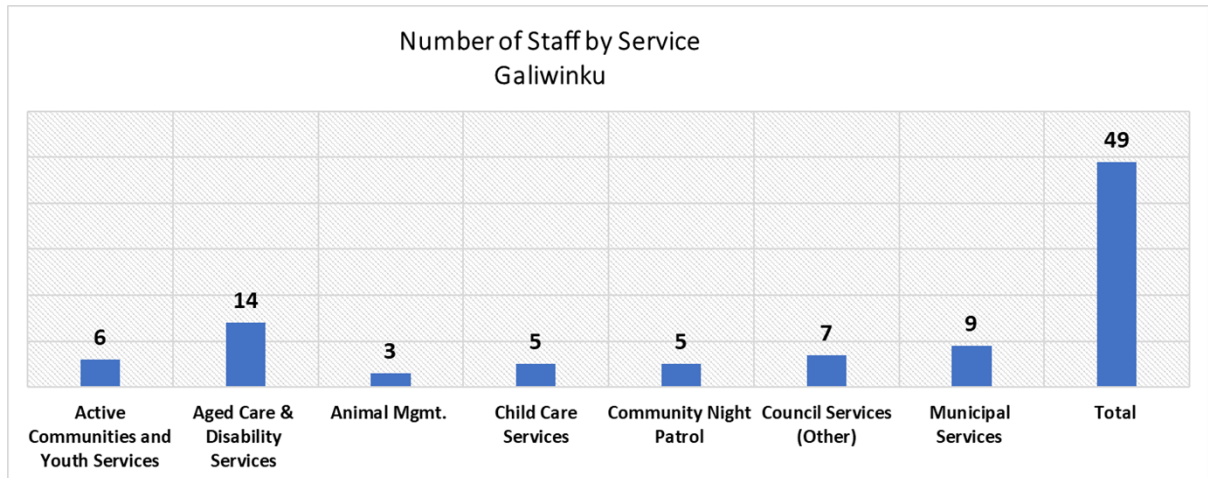
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2026 within the Local Authority area.

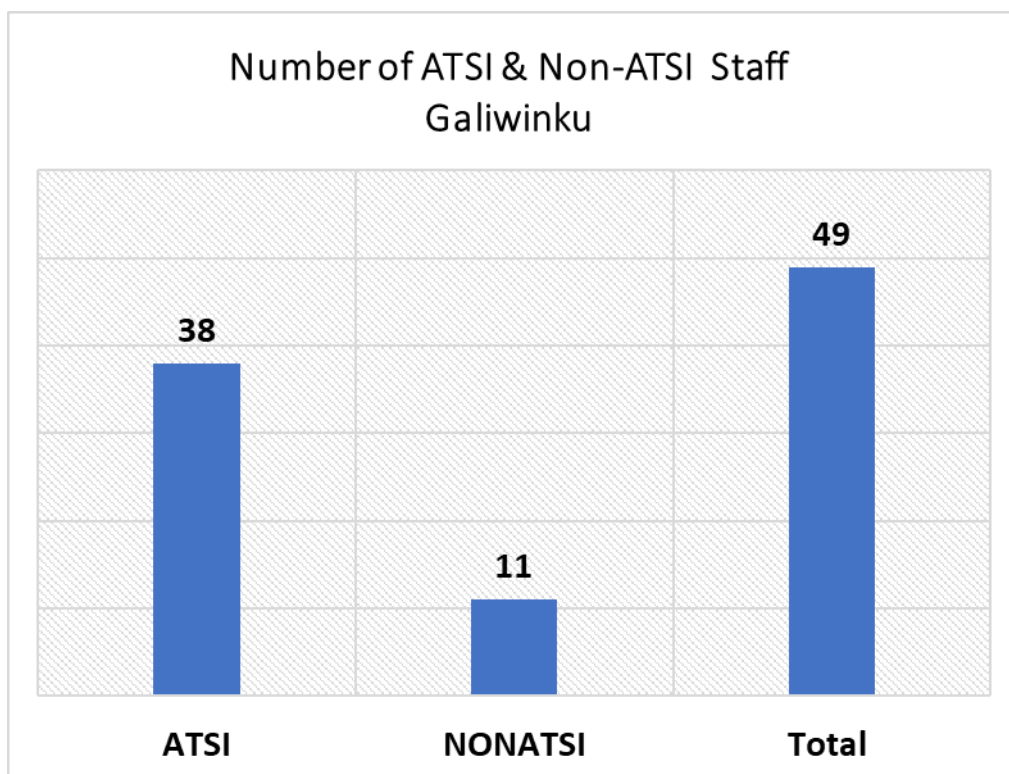
BACKGROUND:

Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also, the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL:

Employee Statistics:





Vacancies as of 30 April 2026:

Job Title	Location	Employment Type	Recruitment Type	No. of Vacancies
ACDS Support Woker	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
ACDS Support Worker	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
CNP Officer	Galiwinku	Community	Parttime	1
Library and Cultural Heritage Worker	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
Municipal Services Officer	Galiwinku	Community	Full Time	1
Municipal Services Officer	Galiwinku	Community	Full Time	1
Council Services Manager	Galiwinku	External	Full Time	1
Child Care Team Leader	Galiwinku	External	Full Time	1
Child Care Coordinator	Galiwinku	External	Full Time	1
Municipal Services Supervisor	Galiwinku	External	Full time	1
ACDS Care Coordinator - Galiwinku	Galiwinku	External & Inter	Full Time	1
Active communities Worker	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

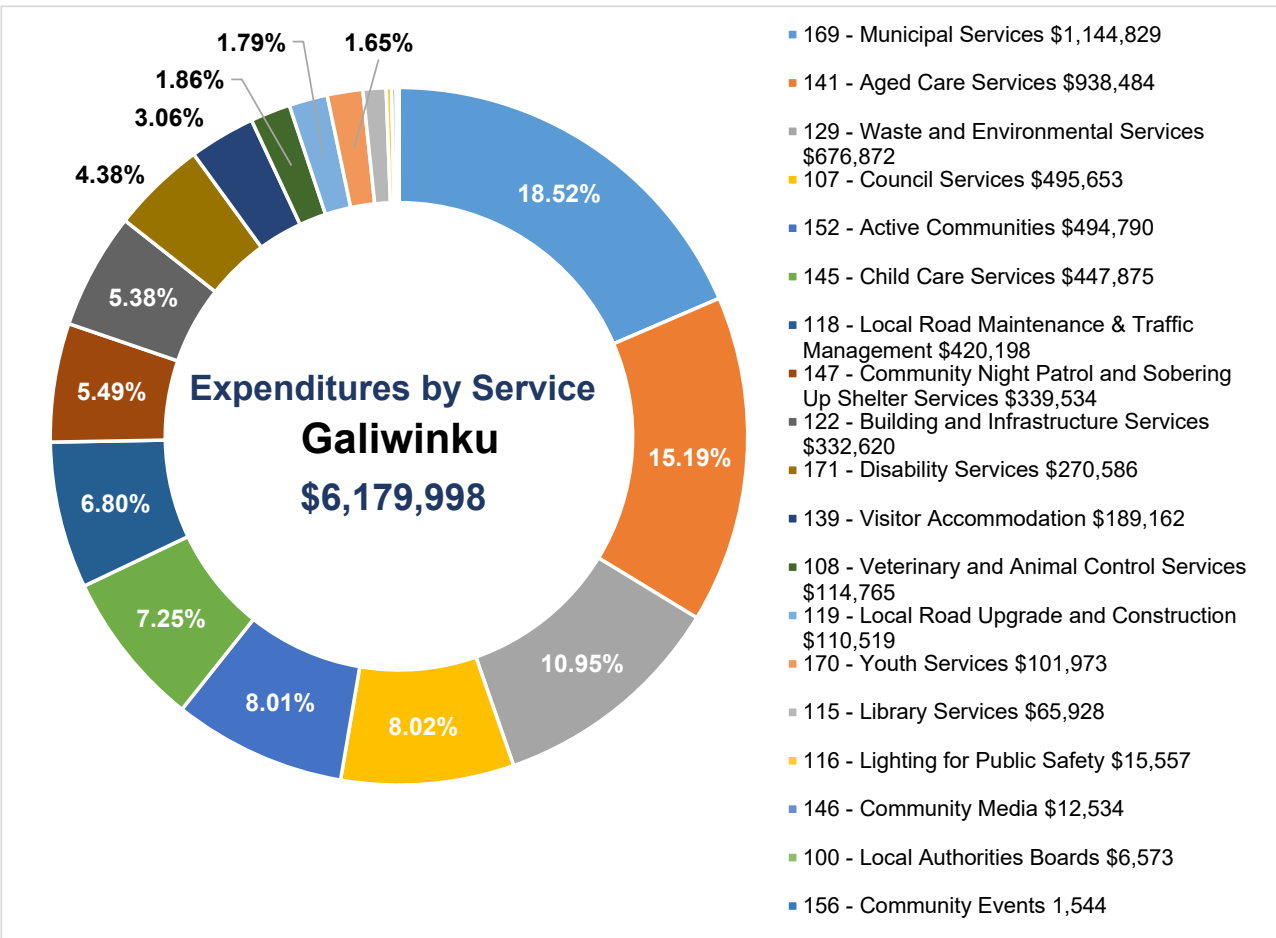
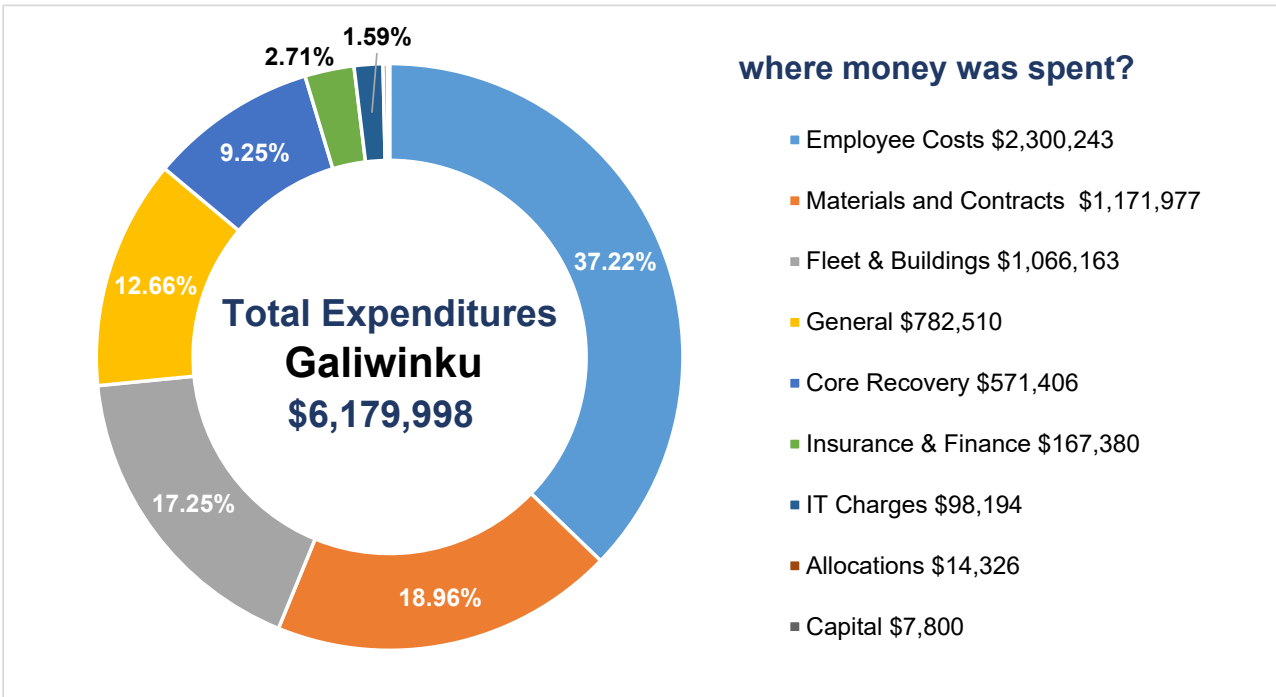
ATTACHMENTS:

10. April 2026 Galiwinku LAMP and Chart Reports [2.5.1 - 2 pages]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - GALIWINKU FUNDS LEFT

As at 30th April 2026

	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITMENTS	ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS	FULL YEAR BUDGET	PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET)
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR	698,557	-	698,557	698,557	
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	351,400	-	351,400	351,400	
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	1,049,957	-	1,049,957	1,049,957	
LESS LAPF PROJECTS					
300417 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Outdoor Youth Recreation Facilities	-	(7,880)	(7,880)	-	0%
300517 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Public Toilets at Airport	(8,394)	(532,517)	(540,910)	(540,367)	2%
300817 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Co-contribution to a ceremony area	(5,139)	(8,000)	(13,139)	(250,000)	2%
304917 - Local Authority Project Funding Galiwinku - Revenue	(594)	-	(594)	-	0%
307017 - LAPF - Galiwinku Road Works	(594)	-	(594)	(168,955)	0%
310317 - LAPF - Galiwinku Cemetery Power and Lighting	(594)	-	(594)	(282,804)	0%
TOTAL PROJECTS	(15,314)	(548,397)	(563,711)	(1,242,126)	1%
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND			486,246	(192,169)	



3 Presentations and General Business

PRESENTATION

3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by Local Police.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

PRESENTATION

3.2 Discussion with the Australian Border Forces

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by Australian Border Force.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

PRESENTATION

3.3 Presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

4 Meeting Close